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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 509, Development, dated 22nd March 1929, which was placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) The possibilities of the industry have been investigated by the special officer engaged on the survey of cottage industries and the results of the enquiry have been embodied in the various district reports and in the final report which have been placed on the table of the House.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" My attention is invited to G.O. No. 509, dated 22nd March 1929, which is said to have been placed on the table of the House. I went through the proceedings of the 22nd March. I find it is not published there. May I know if there has been any mistake ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" It was published along with the proceedings of the last meeting day in March."

General educational qualifications of the Deputy Director of Industries.

* 269 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the general educational qualifications of the Deputy Director of Industries ;

(*b*) whether he holds any degree or diploma in mechanical engineering of any recognized University ;

(*c*) whether he has passed any of the Vernacular tests and also Accounts test ;

(*d*) why he has not passed the usual medical examination before he was confirmed ;

(*e*) why the post of Deputy Director has been recently declared non-votable when the Accountant-General declared him as votable ;

(*f*) what are the industrial concerns started by the Deputy Director during the last ten years which have proved successful ;

(*g*) whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to place on the table a statement indicating the tours the Deputy Director has undertaken in the districts during the last ten years, the names of places visited, the number of days halted and the reasons for the tours and the number of conferences held by him for organizing the various cottage industries ; and

(*h*) what are the specific duties assigned to the Deputy Director and what is the work now carried out by him ?

A.—(*a*) The Deputy Director of Industries was educated at the Taunton School, Southampton, and the Lincoln Technical School and served a full period of apprenticeship with Messrs. Ruston Proctor, a firm of very large manufacturers in England ;

(*b*) No, but he is a member of the Institution of Engineers (India) ; holds advanced certificates of the Board of Education for Machine construction and drawing, Heat Engines and Applied Mechanics (materials and structures) and the Mechanical Engineering Certificates of the City and Guilds, London Institute (both grades) ; he is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, of the Royal Statistical Society and of the Royal Economic Society.

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(c) No.

(d) He was first employed in the department as Assistant Director of Industries in 1915 and continued from time to time. The question of creating a post of Deputy Director and of confirming the present incumbent in the post was considered only in 1921. The question of medical examination does not appear to have been considered at the time presumably because the officer had long been in actual service and he had in 1917 passed the medical examination for admission to the Indian Defence Force.

(e) The post of Deputy Director has not been declared non-votable. But the Secretary of State has permitted the present incumbent so long as he holds the post of Deputy Director to be classed as an officer of superior status;

(f) & (h) It is not the Deputy Director who initiates or starts industrial concerns. His position is that of a Personal Assistant to the Director who by virtue of his technical training and knowledge helps the Director in the administration and control of the several branches working under the Expert officers of the department. Apart from these duties he has also special functions to perform as Commercial and Industrial Intelligence Officer. These consist chiefly in answering multitudinous enquiries and requests for advice addressed to the department by those interested in industrial and commercial subjects. On occasions he may also be sent out by the Director to investigate special lines of enquiry or collect information on any particular subject which is not available in the headquarter office. He also acts as Secretary to the Board of Industries.

(g) Particulars of the tours undertaken by the Deputy Director are available only from December 1922 and these are given in the statement annexed.[a]

The Deputy Director is a headquarters officer and is not a touring officer in the generally accepted sense of the term. Ordinarily he tours when asked to do so by the Director with reference to any specific enquiry. In the early years of his service, however, before the department had grown to its present proportions and the staff was much smaller than it is to-day, the Deputy Director toured extensively in the districts.

No conferences were held for organizing cottage industries.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA.—" May I know the reason why the Deputy Director of Industries does not hold any degrees for being appointed to such a high post as to be declared by the Secretary of State that he should be classed as an officer of superior status ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" He has been there already."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is it not desirable that any person holding such a high appointment should be highly qualified ? "

[a] Printed as Appendix X on pages 580-582 infra.

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The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" May be."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I enquire whether the technical examinations which this officer has passed are such as can be passed by a student studying in the School of Arts here ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I do not think so."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I ask whether there is not an Indian advailable who was sent to foreign countries for three years on a monthly pay of Rs. 300 who is an expert and who has taken European degrees and why he has not been employed in the department ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" There are no vacancies ; when they arise the question will be considered."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is it not necessary that he should be examined by a Medical Board before he is taken into the service ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" He has already undergone medical examination."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask when he was examined and pronounced fit ? Is it not necessary that he should be examined when he is made permanent just like other Provincial Officers ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" He has already been appointed after medical examination."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what degree he holds ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It can be found in the answers."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to answer (*e*), may I know the reasons why the officer was classed as one of superior status ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" That I cannot say now."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With reference to answers (*f*) and (*h*) that 'apart from these duties he has also special functions to perform as Commercial and Industrial Intelligence Officer', may I know whether he receives any fee or remuneration for advice given to companies and firms ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I do not know ; anyhow I want notice."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether he has passed any vernacular tests ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It has already been answered."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether he is required to pass any vernacular tests ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know if he was found fit to hold the appointment?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"He has been found fit; that is the reason why he was appointed."

Development of textile industry in the South Kanara district.

*270 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what steps are taken for the development of the textile industry in the South Kanara district;

(b) how many visits and tours have been paid during the last five years to this district by textile officers; and

(c) what reports have been made as the result of such visits or tours by them as to what further development in the industry is possible and with what help, whether by textile schools or otherwise?

A.—The information has been called for.

Textile schools and demonstration institutions at Salem and other places.

*271 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are textile schools or demonstration institutions at Salem and other places;

(b) if so, how many, for what purposes, at which places at present, with what establishment and at what cost; and

(c) what the average attendance of pupils per day was in 1928?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) There are no schools or demonstration institutions maintained by Government at Salem or other mufassal centres. There are, however, private industrial schools in receipt of Government aid. For a list of institutions where weaving is taught, the hon. Member is referred to the administration reports of the Industries department published every year.

Disposal of applications for aid under the State Aid to Industries Act.

*272 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing applications for aid under State Aid to Industries Act made during the years 1927–28 and 1928-29 and still pending undisposed of by the Board of Industries lying

(a) in the office of the Director of Industries,

(b) in the office of the Director of Fisheries,

(c) in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, and

(ii) to state—

(a) under what authority and for what reasons any of them have been held back by the officers mentioned,

(b) the grounds for which there has been undue delay in placing any of the applications before the Board of Industries,